

CHAPTER NO. 439

HOUSE BILL NO. 1678

**By Representatives Maddox, McDaniel, Boyer, Ridgeway, Shepard, Pinion, Roach, McKee, Briley, Vincent**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1717**

**By Senators McNally, Herron, Williams, Miller, Burks**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 5, relative to gambling.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-501, is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) Gambling is contrary to the public policy of this state and shall mean risking anything of value for a profit whose return is to any degree contingent on chance or any games of chance associated with casinos including but not limited to slot machines, roulette wheels and the like. For the purposes of this chapter gambling does not include:

(A) A lawful business transaction;

(B) Annual events operated for the benefit of charitable 501(c)(3) organizations that are authorized pursuant to a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the general assembly, so long as such events are not prohibited by the Constitution; and

(C) A state lottery of the type such as is in operation in Georgia, Kentucky, and Virginia in 2000 and authorized by amendment to the Constitution, if such lottery is approved by the general assembly.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 29, 2001

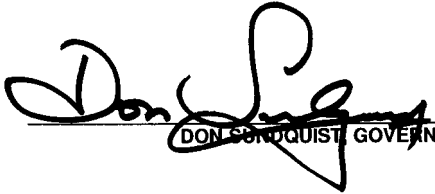


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APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2001



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